Community Impact Assessment (CIA)

Community Impact Assessment is a process used to understand how potential transportation projects will impact communities along the project path. CIA focuses on the issues that affected the community and the quality of life of its residents. Issues typically focused on include: safety; mobility/access; community cohesion; displacement of people, businesses, and farms; adverse employment effects; tax and property value losses; noise; access to public facilities and services; aesthetic values; destruction or disruption of man-made and natural resources; disruption of desirable community growth; nondiscrimination, and other community issues. Information gathered in the CIA process can then be applied towards project design and impact mitigation. CIA aims to identify community concerns early so that they may be considered throughout the project decision-making process; from planning through project development, implementation, operation and maintenance. An essential tool in this process is effective public involvement.

For more information:
http://www.ciatrans.net/ciahome.shtml